

**Public Safety Meeting
Wednesday, February 17, 2010
5:05 P.M.
Third Floor, City Hall**

Present: **Chair:** **CM Kramer**
 Vice Chair: **CM Green**
 Members: **CM Tandy, CM Hamilton, CM Henderson, and CM Benson**

Absent: CM Engel (Excused)

Chairman Kramer began the meeting by introducing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

R-39-02-10 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE DEDICATION OF MAJOR TERRY L. CANNON, DISTRICT CHIEF BUECHEL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Status:-In-Committee
Committee:-Public Safety
Primary Sponsor:-Kevin Kramer

Motion to Approve made by Judy Green and seconded by David Tandy.

Discussion: Chairman Kramer gave a brief background of Major Terry L. Cannon and requested this item go to Old Business so he can publically thank Major Cannon's family for his service.

This Resolution was sent to **Old Business**.

VOTING RESULTS: For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

For: Judy Green, David Tandy, Cheri Bryant Hamilton, Kevin Kramer, Robert Henderson, Stuart Benson
Against: (None)
Abstain: (None)
Absent: Robin Engel

R-40-02-10 A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND PUBLIC SERVICE DEDICATION OF CAPTAIN JACK SATTON OF THE MCMAHAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Status:-In-Committee
Committee:-Public Safety
Primary Sponsor:-Kevin Kramer

Motion to Approve made by Judy Green and seconded by Cheri Bryant Hamilton.

Discussion: Chairman Kramer gave a brief background of Captain Jack Satton and requested this item go to Old Business so he can publically thank Captain Satton's family for his service.

This Resolution was sent to **Old Business**.

VOTING RESULTS: For: 6; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 1

For: Judy Green, David Tandy, Cheri Bryant Hamilton, Kevin Kramer, Robert Henderson, Stuart Benson
Against: (None)
Abstain: (None)

Absent: Robin Engel

R-19-01-10 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REQUIRE THAT ANY COMPOUND, MIXTURE OR PREPARATION CONTAINING ANY EPHEDRINE, PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, OR PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE, THEIR SALTS OR OPTICAL ISOMERS, ONLY BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THROUGH A PRESCRIPTION AUTHORIZED BY A MEDICALLY LICENSED PHYSICIAN.

Status:-In-Committee - Held

Committee:-Public Safety

Primary Sponsor:-Vicki Aubrey Welch

Additional Sponsors: -Rick Blackwell
-Robert Henderson
-Cheri Bryant Hamilton

Motion to Approve made by Judy Green and seconded by Cheri Bryant Hamilton.

Discussion: CM Welch spoke stating meth labs have become an epidemic in Metro Louisville. She stated facts relating to crime, children, cleanup, tax payer dollars, the court system, hospital stays, safety for responders at risk, and environmental contamination. CM Welch also gave a history of pseudoephedrine (PSE) and how it relates to meth labs. The following was discussed:

- PSE used to be a prescription until 1976 when it was moved to an over the counter drug
- Electronic tracking
- States and Countries that have banned over the counter PSE and made it a scheduled prescription
- Rights of people to not have to deal with the aftermath of meth labs

Sgt. Stan Salyards, LMPD Narcotics Unit, President of the Kentucky Narcotics Officers Association, was present to speak and answer questions. A power point presentation was given along with handouts to the Committee Members (Attached) The following was discussed

- Money spent on meth lab clean up
- Deaths related to meth labs
- Why does Louisville Metro have so many meth labs
 - One pot method of manufacture
 - Smurfing
- Louisville Metro meth labs - more labs found when changed to a electronic tracking system
- Children in meth labs
- Oklahoma and Oregon were the first states to act in 2004
- Mexico banned PSE in 2007
- Eliminating smurfing
 - Electronic PSE sales tracking
 - Returning PSE to Rx only
- Results
- KRS218A.1446
 - Law for dispensing of pseudoephedrine and to log or electronically track it
 - Sets limit of purchase to 9g in a 30 day period and one cannot purchase more than 3 boxes in 1 transaction
- Kentucky PSE Law
- Proposed Bill

Matt Rhodes, Deputy Director for Environment Health Services with the Department of Health and Wellness, was present to speak and answer questions. The following was discussed:

- Labs in rental properties
- Mobile Labs
- Children in labs
- Expense for clean-up
- Illicit Sales
- Doctors may not want to write prescriptions
- Hassel with regards to getting prescriptions

Jim Acquisto, Appriss, Inc. was present to speak and answer questions. A power point presentation was given along with handouts to the Committee Members (Attached). The following was discussed:

- National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLEx)
 - Free to any state and all law enforcement agencies
 - Provided by the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (NADD)
 - Funded by the cold medicine manufactures
 - Real-Time monitoring
 - Block sales across state lines
 - Already 18,000 of 60,000 pharmacies nationwide report to the system
- Retailers in the NPLEx network
- Strong state movement toward e-logging
- Blocked sales
- Kentucky Smurfers are buying PSE in border states
- Kentucky meth labs are concentrated on our borders
- Why are lab numbers up
- How unique is Oregon - Out of ten states, Oregon was the only one that authorized prescriptions to reduce meth labs
- KASPER – Prescription Monitoring Program in Kentucky
- Precursor Block List Bill
- Electronic tracking vs. prescription status

The following was also discussed:

- Other medicines that contain PSE
- Medicines that contain phenylephrine PE which is an alternative to PSE or other alternatives
- Statistics of Children being hurt or dying in relation to consuming household products
- Meth lab statistics
- One pot method for making meth is transportable
- Main goal is to reduce meth labs and keep children safe

Dr. Arla, Physician and Chemist, was also present to speak and answer questions. The following was discussed:

- Inconvenience to the patient
- Meth cannot be made out of phenylephrine (Any medicines with PE at the end of it) but it can be used for the sniffles instead of PSE
- Side effects of PSE

Also discussed was the following:

- Most dump sites for one pot method meth labs are secluded areas
- What is the medical benefit of PSE opposed to other medicines
- What is the best approach to finding meth labs
- Electronic tracking vs prescription
- Medical Societies and pharmaceuticals are discussing the situation with PSE

Stephanie Pierce Burke, Attorney with Family Court, spoke stating there has been a rise of cases relating to children that involve meth abuse or meth labs.

Chairman Kramer stated the Committee's charge is, trying to determine if PSE being a scheduled prescription is going to reduce meth labs or is there another alternative that might work more effectively?

Motion to Table made by Judy Green and seconded by David Tandy.

By voice vote, this Resolution was **Tabled**.

O-224-12-09 A ORDINANCE REPEALING § 91.022 AND AMENDING § 91.011 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO ANIMAL WELFARE AND CONTROL

Status:-In-Committee – Held

Committee:-Public Safety

Primary Sponsor:-Cheri Bryant Hamilton

Discussion: This Ordinance remained **Held in Committee**.

R-28-01-10 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION (LRC) STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF MERGING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, KY SUBURBAN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS WITH THE LOUISVILLE DIVISION OF FIRE.

Status:-In-Committee - Held

Committee:-Public Safety

Primary Sponsor:-Dan Johnson

Discussion: This Resolution remained **Held in Committee**.

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on February 25, 2010.**

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